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Dr. H. W. Hill,

Institute of Public Health,

London, Ont.

Dear Dr. Hill:

In the absence of President Falconer I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst and to say that I am forwarding your request to Professor Mavor, who is out of the city at present.

Yours sincerely,

President's Secretary.

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July 12, 1915.

Ackd 15.7.15

President R. A. Falconer,

University of Toronto,

Toronto, Ont.

Dear President Falconer:-

I am back here after a year's leave of absence with conditions totally changed and vastly improved. I have the Dominion Medical Council and I am registered in Ontario as a "legally qualified practitioner" under the terms of the Statute. Furthermore, I have been appointed Medical Officer of Health of London and expect to begin my duties as such very soon. The Institute has been granted additional funds by the Ontario Government and one of the lines of development will be the building up of a Vital Statistics Division intended to handle Vital Statistics from the up-to-date, practical and immediately useful standpoints.

So much of the greatest value has come out along these lines of late that I think a real field for good men is opening in this rather neglected department.

I shall be most grateful if you would be good enough to suggest to me or to ask Professor Mavor to suggest someone whose training has been along the lines of economics or sociology, a young man with good mathematical ability who is ready to devote himself to sociologic and economic statistics relating particularly to Public Health. He would have exceedingly practical work in handling an immense amount of data we have already collected and in part published but most of which has been lying idle for two years from sheer lack of physical ability to handle it. There would also be of course, continually coming in a very great deal of the finest material from the medical officer of health work in London.

Such a man need not be a medical man although I am firmly convinced that a biological training would be a great aid if that particular combination could be had.

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I appreciate that I am imposing on you very considerably in this matter and I should not bother you about it but that I am quite at sea as to how to proceed to find such a man in Canada. I know one or two ready-made in the States but I doubt if at the present time it would be possible to bring one such here.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

H.W. Hill

Director.

February 12th, 1916

Dr. H. W. Hill,

Institute of Public Health,

London, Ont.

Dear Dr. Hill:

Last February our Faculty of Medicine considered that they were in a position to offer the Government at Ottawa a Hospital unit consisting of 1040 beds. The conditions were that the University should have the right to make all nominations to the staff and that the Government should provide the ordinary maintenance that is necessary for any General Hospital on military service. I went to Ottawa and laid the affair before the Premier and Minister of Militia which they gladly accepted.

It was recognised, however, that the maintenance which would be provided by the Government would not equip the Hospital in the satisfactory way that we felt a university hospital required. We therefore issued an appeal to the friends of the University and Alumni. A ladies' committee was appointed to work at surgical supplies and other equipment for patients. A men's committee was appointed to secure laboratory equipment. Altogether $110,000 has been secured for the equipment and maintenance of the Hospital over and above what is provided by the Government. The University as such pays nothing.

There are 44 medical men, 73 nurses and 206 N.C.O's and rank and file. Fortunately there was no difficulty as to securing a head. General Roberts was admitted at once as the proper person.

Then a small committee of the Faculty of Medicine including myself chose the medical men for their positions. There was some difficult but not more than you could expect. The ranks given were "Lieutenant Colonel" for several of our full professors, two "majors", and the rest of the Faculty of Medicine "Captains".

We supplied the Hospital with X -Ray apparatus, which I think however was paid for by the Government, Motor Ambulances and an excellent equipment for the Pathological Laboratory, together with another of extra instruments.

If you will ask me any definite questions for further information I shall be glad to answer them to the best of my ability.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.